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Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

Section 14. Department of Technical Cooperation for Development

1. At its 33rd and 34th meetings, on 3 June, the Committee considered section 14 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Discussion

2. Some delegations expressed concern that the rate of real growth of 0.1 per cent did not properly reflect the importance of technical cooperation activities for developing countries and felt that the regular budget resources for this section should be increased. Other delegations noted that the Department provided only a small share of the considerable resources allocated to technical cooperation activities for developing countries by organizations and programmes of the United Nations system.

3. Several delegations noted with concern the reduction in the level of extrabudgetary resources for 1992-1993. In the same context, some delegations queried the implications resulting from changes in the system of support costs reimbursement for the activities of the Department should decision 90/26 be

implemented by the United Nations Development Programme Governing Council and adopted by the General Assembly.

4. Several delegations felt that, under the Energy programme, subprogramme 4, Energy resources assessment and exploration, and subprogramme 6, Development and transfer of technology for exploiting critical energy resources, should be accorded high priority.

5. Some delegations stressed the importance of coordination of activities among the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development, the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Development Programme and other agencies of the United Nations system.

6. Some delegations felt that the programme narrative of subprogramme 2, Water resources development and management, under the Natural resources programme, should include the question of the environmental impact of water resources development.

Conclusion and recommendation

7. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 14 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.